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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6746

BILL NUMBER: HB 1297

DATE PREPARED: Dec 12, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Distressed road fund.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		4,000,000	
Net Increase (Decrease)		(4,000,000)	

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a county with a population of not more than 50,000 to apply to the distressed road fund for financial assistance to repair roads if the county has met all requirements. (Current law provides that only counties with more narrowly specified population parameters may apply to the distressed road fund.) It appropriates \$4,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Distressed Road Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill appropriates \$4,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Distressed Road Fund for the period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. The bill allows eight additional counties to apply to the Distressed Road Fund for financial assistance. These counties are: Brown, Fountain, Jay, Montgomery, Noble, Parke, Putnam, and Rush. Currently only ten counties are eligible. As of November 4, 1998, the balance in the Distressed Road Fund totaled \$1,451,282, with \$8,548,718 in outstanding loans. The source of the Distressed Road Fund is funds transferred from the Motor Vehicle Highway Account and from the Special Fuel Tax. The fund is administered by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). There are no new loan requests pending at this time.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The specific impact will depend upon the number of counties who meet all requirements for Distressed Road Fund assistance, the amount of their needs, and the balance in the Distressed Road Fund.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties who qualify for assistance.

Information Sources: Dennis Faulkenberg, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Transportation, 232-1472.